



THE BOER LEADERS TO MEET BURGHERS

WILL SUBMIT THE BRITISH PEACE TERMS

It is Believed Transvaalers Will Accept—Col. Crowder's Report in the President's Hands.

Pretoria, April 20.—Gen. Dewet has gone to Helbron, Orange River Colony; General Botha, the Transvaal commander-in-chief, has gone to Verheid, Transvaal, and General Delany, together with Mr. Steyn, president of the Orange Free State, has gone to Klerksdorp, Transvaal. They have arranged to meet the burghers at different rendezvous and submit the British terms. It is believed the Transvaalers will everywhere accept the terms, as they are in no way anxious for a winter campaign. The only difficulty likely to occur will be, it is thought, with the Orange Free States, many of whom are expected to prove recalcitrant. In the meantime there will be no cessation of hostilities. The delegates expected back to Pretoria the middle of May, and in anticipation of their return they have given orders here for new clothes, provisions, etc.

Crowder's Report.

Washington, April 21.—The complete report of Col. Crowder, of the Judge-Advocate-General's department upon his inquiry into conditions at Port Chalmette, whence supplies are being shipped to South Africa, is now in the hands of the President. Col. Crowder spent a good part of yesterday and last night in going over his report with Acting Secretary Sanger and Judge-Advocate-General Davis, at the war department. At the President's suggestion certain details were added to the report that were not originally included. An important fact in connection with the document is that it makes no recommendations as to the treatment of affairs at Port Chalmette. It is merely a statement of conditions as they were discovered by Col. Crowder. In making his report Col. Crowder acted as a personal representative of the President, and so he is not accountable to the war department. For this reason they decline to make any statement as to the report and for his part Col. Crowder declares that he is not prepared to make any statement as to the report or any part of it public, if he desires. It is said that the document will be laid before the cabinet at to-morrow's session.

THE GROWING TIME.

Immigrants Coming and Land Being Sold—New C. P. R. Rates.

Montreal, April 21.—All the conditions are favorable for another immense crop next autumn; there is a large immigration pouring in; strangers are coming in and buying both farm and city property; business is good. What better indications do you want of increased prosperity and progress in Western Canada?

What about reductions in freight rates? The company is acting promptly. New lines and rail merchandise, and commodity tariffs have just been issued from all points in Eastern Canada to points west of Port William in Ontario and Manitoba. These tariffs show considerable reductions compared with those in effect during last year. Similar tariffs are also being prepared and will be issued as early as possible to points in the Northwest Territories and British Columbia. A new local millage freight tariff is also being issued covering freight tariffs moving between stations in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, which will show reductions in the rates previously in effect. Similar new tariffs are being issued in each of the provinces, which show considerable reductions compared with the rates previously in effect. In some of the tariffs which in the past only covered points in the Northwest Territories and Manitoba, have been extended, generally speaking, to cover the Northwest Territories as far west as Cape Breton, which was to be discussed at the conference of colonial premiers in London next July. Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal said that if this service was established it would divert much United States traffic to the Canadian Commission's remarks, under that such a plan would merit a subsidy from the government.

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DANISH WEST INDIES.

Copenhagen, April 23.—The Danish government, on the 23rd, adopted the majority report on the treaty providing for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. The treaty now goes back to the Folketing.

OTTAWA NOTES.

New Collector of Customs at New Westminster—The Yukon Pacific Application.

Ottawa, April 22.—The bills regarding the United Gold Fields of British Columbia by W. A. Gallier and the Yukon Pacific Railway Company by W. F. McCrea were passed by the railway committee today. G. Riley's bill regarding the British Columbia and Yukon railway was withdrawn.

G. L. Milne, of Victoria, had a hydraulic lease for one mile and a half on Hunker Creek, Yukon. He has been notified by the department that it is cancelled. All leaseholders who do not comply with the provisions of the law will be immediately treated.

At the railway committee today Hon. A. G. Blair announced that the government still adhere to its policy not to grant any more charters from American territory into the Yukon. This announcement was made when the Yukon-Pacific asked for incorporation to build a line from Pyramid Harbor to White Horse. The company's charter was amended so as to give power to build from White Horse in a southwesterly direction to the boundary line between the province of British Columbia and the Territories, or about 20 miles from the international boundary line. The head office of the company of this road is in Winnipeg. Angus Mann will be collector of customs at New Westminster, vice Peter Grant, deceased.

THE WHOLE FAMILY PERISHED IN FLAMES

Livery Stable Keeper, His Wife and Children and Hired Man Burned to Death.

Ottawa, April 22.—Thomas Hill, 35 years of age; Mrs. Hill, 32 years; Pearl Hill, 11 years; Robbie Hill, 9 years, and Maggie Hill, 6 years, husband, wife and three children, and John Watson, 50 years of age, were all burned to a crisp in Hill early this morning. Hill had a livery stable at the corner of Bridge and Wellington streets. It was a brick structure, erected since the great fire that swept the city of Hull. Watson was a hired man who looked after the livery stable. The building, valued at \$25,000, was struck with lightning this morning and caught fire. The flames spread so quickly that Hill and his family were unable to escape, and Watson, who slept in the stable, shared a similar fate. Four horses were also burned. The building was covered by insurance.

AUSTRALIAN TARIFF.

Canadian Commissioner Says It Is Probably Some Reductions Will Be Made.

Ottawa, April 22.—Trade Commissioner Larke, of Australia, in his report to the department of trade and commerce, says that the revenue derived from the tariff for the first six months of its existence has been unexpectedly buoyant, and this has induced the lower House to make reductions. It will probably incline the senate to further cut down the rates. So far the tariff has not diminished Canadian trade, the four trade with Canada, he says, is not yet dead. There is a reduction in the rates on such articles as blankets, carpets and woollen piece goods. Cotton goods and printing papers are placed on the free list.

STRATHCONA INTERVIEWED.

Fast Canadian Service Will Be Discussed at Conference of Premiers.

London, April 22.—Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, the Canadian high commissioner, has been interviewed by a representative of the Daily Chronicle. He declined to say anything about the Atlantic shipping combination, except that he believed it would make a great opportunity for Canada, and that it constituted a splendid opening for the fast mail service between Liverpool and Cape Breton, which was to be discussed at the conference of colonial premiers in London next July. Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal said that if this service was established it would divert much United States traffic to the Canadian Commission's remarks, under that such a plan would merit a subsidy from the government.

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A SPECIAL OFFER

Daily Times for Nine Months for \$3.

The publishers of the Times are aware that a large number of residents of the districts and of other cities and towns than Victoria would like to become subscribers to the daily edition, but are unwilling to pay the regular rate of subscription, owing to the fact that the paper cannot reach them for from six to seven hours, to three days after publication.

The management have decided to quote an extraordinary low rate to out-of-town subscribers, in the hope that the response will be sufficiently general to warrant a permanent reduction. For a limited time subscriptions from date to December 31st, over nine months, will be taken for \$3.

This reduction will give residents outside the Capital an opportunity of following the proceedings of the legislature, a full report of which will appear daily.

In addition to the full reports of the debates, the Times will continue to give the current political gossip at the seat of government, which is frequently more interesting and important than the actual proceedings in the House. Most of the noteworthy political developments of the past few years have been foreshadowed in the Times before they were forecasted by any other paper.

A series of political cartoons by the Times' own artist will further increase the attractiveness of the paper.

The half-tone illustrations of public men of the province, with sketches of their careers, snapshots, views, etc., will be maintained.

The special telegraphic service from Ottawa from the Times staff representative there will be continued. This service is unsurpassed by that of any other paper in Canada.

The full foreign telegraphic news, as well as that of the Dominion, will appear regularly.

Twice-a-Week Times This Edition for the Rest of the Year for 75 Cents.

In order to still further extend the wide circulation of the twice-a-week Times, the publishers have decided to reduce the subscription price for cash subscribers from now until the close of the year, nine months, to 75 cents.

The features outlined in regard to the daily will be maintained in the twice-a-week Times.

The publishers have in addition arranged with the department of agriculture at Ottawa for an original article weekly, about a column in length, prepared under the authority of the minister. The matter will consist of agricultural news, interesting to all readers, supplemented by brief accounts of the latest experiments and researches at the Government Experimental Farms, and recipes, useful to agriculturists, horticulturists, arboriculturists, horse-breeders, stock-raisers, bee-keepers, dairymen, poultrymen and others.

The market reports will be improved and will be given particular prominence.

Other features are contemplated which will further increase the attractiveness of the paper, to the editing of which special attention will be devoted.

This offer is good for a limited period only. Those who wish to subscribe should do so at once. Remittances by mail should be by P. O. Order or Registered letter to

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TWO HUNDRED KILLED.

Great Loss of Life Caused by Earthquake in Guatemala.

Guatemala City, Guatemala, April 21.—The details which are being received here of the result of the earthquake shocks which were general throughout Guatemala on Friday and Saturday and Sunday, show that Soledad, Nabajana, Atamitlan, Santa Lucia and San Juan were badly damaged, and that Quetzaltenango was partly obliterated. Added to the horrors there, two hundred persons were killed, mostly women, and many people were injured. At the capital three churches, were slightly damaged. The government is relieving the sufferers.

POLICE FORCE OUT.

Large Number of Men on Duty at Paterson, N. J., Where Strike Is On.

Paterson, N. J., April 23.—The whole police force is on duty to-day in anticipation of trouble in connection with the strike of the dyers' helpers. The services were called out early this morning, as it was feared, there would be disturbances at the mills, where the helpers have not gone out yet. The strikers, however, made no trouble, and in fact did not go near the mills where the strikes have not been started. At their own mills when the whistle blew this morning the men made no demonstrations. It is feared, however, that there may be trouble later in the day.

The movement was started by 300 dyers' helpers going out at Auger & Simon's mill at Riverside. The firm had only half an hour's notice of the strike and was unprepared for the action. Three hundred men went out at the Weidmann Dyeing Works, and this

CANADIAN TROOPS START FOR FRONT

SOLDIERS CHEERED ON LEAVING OTTAWA

Sir Charles Dilke Thinks Peace Will Be Restored Before the Coronation.

Ottawa, April 22.—Over three thousand people assembled at the Central depot at 8 o'clock this morning and cheered the Canadian soldiers who left for Halifax to go on board the steamer for South Africa.

Lt.-Col. Rutherford, A. A. G. for artillery at headquarters, has received a cable from Capetown, dated April 20th, from Lieut. Bruce Carruthers. The cable was originally dated from Klerksdorp, and simply says: "Never better. (Signed) Bruce."

Dilke's Opinion.

New York, April 22.—Sir Charles Dilke, one of the most laborious and best informed members of the House of Commons, when asked whether he thinks that peace will be restored in South Africa before the coronation, replied, according to the Tribune dispatch from London, as follows: "I have not the slightest doubt of the subject. Peace will be made, if it has not been done virtually already. I have not had any doubt respecting the result since the conference with the Boer leaders began. Their departure to confer with the burghers confirms my opinion."

Sir Charles Dilke adds that he did not believe that the European Boer agents had been dealt with by the government, but that they might have been consulted by the delegates attending the conference in Africa.

Sir Charles Dilke, without doubt, reflects the opinion of members of the House, which is more optimistic and better informed than opinion outside.

Treaty Not Violated.

Washington, April 22.—The report of Colonel Crowder, who investigated the shipment of horses and mules to South Africa from the Port Chalmette, B. C., was laid before the cabinet to-day by the President. While the report is incomplete, it developed that the conclusion was reached by the President from what he had seen of it that there is not sufficient evidence to show past or present violation of treaty, and consequently Crowder will make some additions to his report during the afternoon, and to-night he will go over the matter very thoroughly with the attorney-general.

VENEZUELAN REVOLT.

Two Forces of Government Troops Are Marching Against the Rebels.

Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad, April 23.—Advices received here from Caripana, Venezuela, announce that 1,200 Venezuelan government troops, under Gen. Castillo, left there a week ago, and that another column of 1,080 left Cumana, marching towards a point near Maturin, to which place the revolutionists, under General Penabaz, Lucernare and Boland, had retreated. People here cannot understand the revolutionists' plans. If they had attacked the government forces ten days ago they would have easily routed the latter, as the insurgents had by far the greater number of men.

General Castillo, who was interviewed by a correspondent near San Antonio, informed the latter that he intended to attack the revolutionists on Wednesday, April 23rd, and added that he would surely defeat them. The breaking down of the machinery of the revolutionary steamer Bolivar has considerably lessened the chances of success of the revolutionary movement.

HAVE NOT YET MET.

Courship Carried on by Correspondence—Married Over Long Distance Telephone.

Cincinnati, April 23.—A Dayton, Ky., widow and a Hopkinsville man will meet to-day for the first time, after having been married over the long distance telephone. They have never seen each other before. The telephone charges were \$25. The contracting parties were Mrs. Gertrude Gallagher, a young widow of Dayton, and Theodore Cohen, a merchant of Hopkinsville, Ky. The bride, accompanied by her father, a sister and many guests, entered the store of a druggist in Dayton and requested the use of the telephone booth and the Rev. R. D. Harding took the receiver from the book and asked for Hopkinsville, Ky. The bridegroom answered. The minister propounded the usual questions to the bride, whom she evidently gave satisfactory answers. The ceremony occupied fifteen minutes. The bride was ushered into the booth and answered the usual questions propounded by the minister at the other end of the wire. The courtship has been carried on by correspondence.

LIVELY TIME AT FIRE.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 23.—A special to the Times from North Tonawanda says the fire which started on Oliver street early to-day destroyed a steam laundry and several residences. A high wind prevailed. Two firemen, Charles Baker and John Fanshaw, were overcome by heat, but will recover. Two others were struck by falling timbers and were rendered insensible for two hours. The loss is about \$70,000, and is partly covered by insurance. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

QUEEN WILHELMINA.

Her Majesty Is Now on the Way to Recovery.

The Hague, April 23.—The following bulletin was issued this morning from Castle Loos: "Queen Wilhelmina had a quiet night. The fall in the morning temperature continues, and the feeling of illness has lessened. The patient is taking sufficient nourishment."

STATE SENATOR DEAD.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 23.—State Senator L. E. Clark, of Clearlake, Iowa, is dead here from consumption. Senator Clark was prominent in the temperance work in the United States and had much to do with the first crusade in Iowa, which drove out open saloons through the enactment of prohibitory law.

A WINDFALL.

Richard Trevelyan Falls Heir to Fortune Left By His Grandfather.

Nanaimo, April 23.—Richard Trevelyan, a native of Cornwall, Eng., who has lived a great many years in this province, is in great luck. From place to place he has drifted, never acquiring anything like a fortune, and finally, quite advanced in years, has been living at the Wheat Sheaf hotel, Nanaimo River, with Geo. Taylor, the proprietor of the hotel. Now he has received word from England that he has fallen heir to £50,000. The fortune comes to him as an inheritance from his grandfather. The drowning of his brother in the Frasse about seven years ago removed the only other heir, and now the whole of the fortune falls to the lot of Richard.

RUDDER BROKEN.

Deutschland Meets With Mishap on Voyage to England.

Plymouth, April 23.—The Hamburg-American line steamer Deutschland, which left New York on April 17th for Plymouth, has been sighted 18 miles south of the Scilly Islands with her rudder broken. The Deutschland expects to reach Plymouth at 5 p.m. to-day. A fresh wind is blowing from the westward.

The Deutschland passed the Lizard at 4.10 p.m. She signalled "Lost rudder on Tuesday, 400 miles westward of Bishop's rock. Steaming well with engines."

ANALCINATION OFF FOR THE PRESENT

SUCH IS DECISION OF IRON WORKS MANAGERS

Company Being Formed at Vancouver to Control Market Between Lumbermen and Mills.

Vancouver, April 23.—Prominent business people here are forming a company to take an entirely new part in the logging industry, that of handling logs as jobbers and middlemen. The foresters near Deadman's Island is being secured from the government as a site for a big store room. The plan is that loggers will be given returns much quicker than by the present method through the mills. The new company will have sorting booms here, handling different grades of logs, and the dealer is to practically control the market between the lumbermen and the mills. The latter will probably oppose the scheme as much as possible, as it will tend to take the control of the situation out of their hands.

A meeting of managers of iron works was held here this morning, and it was decided regarding the proposed amalgamation, to await the return of Mr. Jackson, manager of the Vancouver engineering works, from England in May. The proposed deal is off until that time at least.

PIECE OF DOG'S SKULL

Grafted on to a Man's Head—Patient Recovering.

Saginaw, Mich., April 23.—Physicians of the College hospital have performed a remarkable operation, that of grafting a piece of dog's skull upon a human head. The patient is John Olberg, of Kenton, Houghton county. He is now recovering from an old affliction. Olberg's skull was fractured four years ago. Over the hole, which was an inch and a half in diameter, there formed a foreign growth. This pressed on the brain and caused convulsions. When it was decided to operate on Olberg, the doctors chloroformed a dog and removed a piece of the skull. The piece taken out was then implanted in the opening in Olberg's head.

STILL WARM.

Eastern Cities Are Having a Spell of Hot Weather.

New York, April 23.—The warm weather continued to-day. At 8 o'clock the thermometer showed a temperature of 66 degrees, at 9 o'clock of 70, and at 11 o'clock of 77 degrees.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 23.—The temperature to-day was ten degrees higher than yesterday. The thermometer in the United States weather bureau registered 69 degrees. This is the hottest April day this city has experienced in over 30 years.

NEW SHINGLE MILL.

Vancouver, April 22.—The new Pacific Coast Lumber Company's shingle mill, second in size only to the new mill being constructed by the McNairs in the East End, turned over its machinery yesterday for the first time. The mill will be in complete operation this week. This morning work was begun alongside by the same company on a large sawmill, which will be of about the same capacity as the Hastings mill.

ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER

ALLEGED TO HAVE CHOKED HIS MOTHER

Boy Burglars, Convicted—Conference of Boards of Trade to Be Held in June.

Ottawa, April 22.—Alex. McDonald, second hand sailor at 9 William street, was arrested by Detective Robillard to-day on the charge of manslaughter, it being alleged that on or about November 28th, 1900, he choked his mother, Louisa McDonald, to death, as a result of a family discussion.

Liberal Convention.

The Liberals of Ottawa will have a convention on May 29th, to select two candidates to contest Ottawa in the interest of the Liberal party in Ontario provincial elections.

Bad Boys.

Belleville, April 22.—Two boys named Monahan, aged 13 and 11 years, were convicted of burglariously entering W. B. Higgin's residence yesterday afternoon. The oldest was sentenced to the reformatory and the youngest was remanded for a week.

Conference in June.

Toronto, April 22.—The Toronto Board of Trade will summon a conference of boards of trade throughout the country to meet on June 4th and 5th. Trade relations, defence, postal and telegraphic communication and the new British duty on breadstuffs will be considered.

Toronto Exchange.

The Canadian Pacific made a new high record on the stock exchange yesterday, selling to 122 1/2, on sales on nearly 5,000 shares. Twin City was another feature again crossing Toronto railway and selling to 124, a new high level. Toronto railway was easier. Toronto electric light sold at a good day, selling to 154, while general touched 224. The navigation stocks were quiet and steady, and the bank shares were in demand again.

NO PROGRESS MADE.

Committee of Inquiry Adjourns Without Hearing Evidence.

The select committee of inquiry into the charges against J. D. Graham, gold commissioner at Adin, resumed its sittings this morning. James Stables, M. P. P., and C. Dubois Mason were present to give evidence, but Mr. Sawers refused to go on until he could get Mr. Dunsmuir. After a long wait Mr. McPhillips and other members of the committee protested against the time of the commission being wasted, and urged that another witness be heard. Mr. Sawers said that he could not be sat upon by members of the committee, and that he had a higher standing before the committee than the promoter of the province.

Mr. McPhillips—There is a lot of vanity in that remark, but it is highly unreasonable that the time of the committee should be wasted by needless delays.

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CHANGED HANDS.

Bocas del Toro is Again in Possession of Columbian Troops.

Colon, Colombia, April 23.—The German steamer Hercynia, which left this port for Bocas del Toro several days ago, with reinforcements of government troops on board, returned here this morning and announced that Bocas del Toro, which was captured by the insurgents on April 18th, was again in possession of the government. Owing to the timely arrival of the reinforcements on the Hercynia and a threat of bombardment on the part of the government gunboat General Pinzon, the insurgents at Bocas del Toro capitulated to the government forces.

ST. LOUIS RACES.

St. Louis, Mo., April 23.—The programme for the first week of the spring meeting of the Fair Association was announced yesterday. The purses will average \$400 and the association will distribute no less than \$2,400 daily. On stakes days this amount will be increased. Including the \$1,500 to be added to the inaugural, the association will give away \$3,200 on May 3rd. Two stakes were down for decision the first week of the meeting. The meeting opens Saturday, May 3rd.